

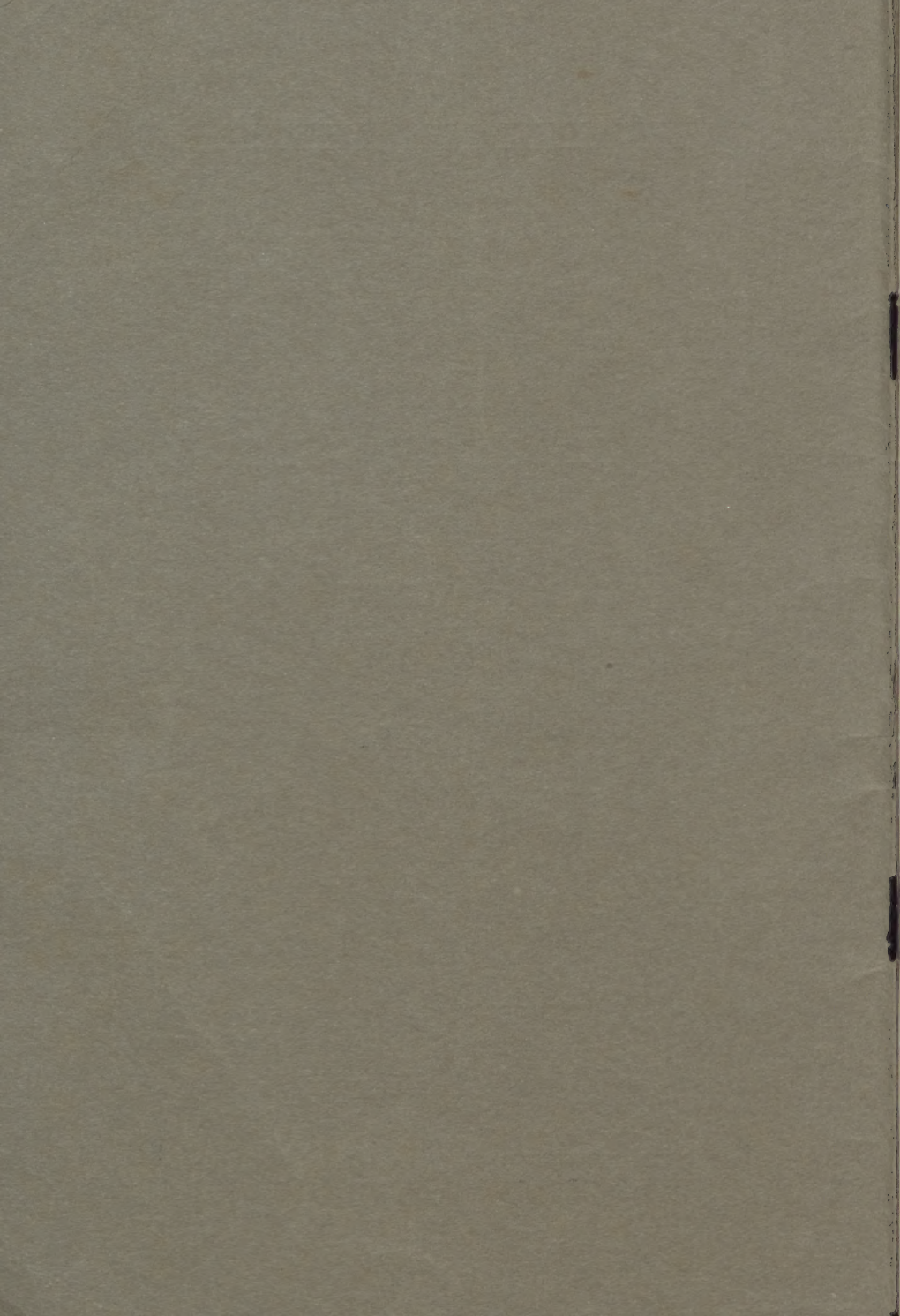
Bi-centennial Calendar of Derry

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A chronological index to six hundred
events in the history of Nutfield

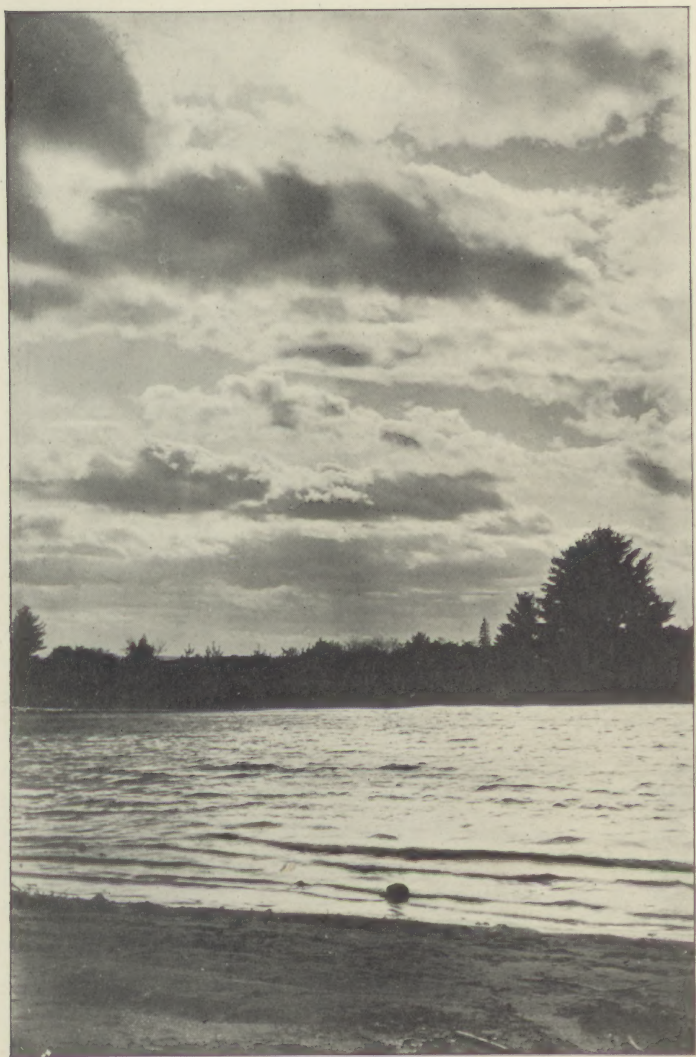
down to the time of the several divisions
of territory, to and including the town
of Derry, incorporated July 2nd, 1827



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*The items in black type (including the days of the week)
are for the year 1919 unless otherwise noted.*

*Other items are for the year indicated and day of the
month under which they appear.*

1—Wednesday—New Year's Day

- 1752—Beginning the Gregorian (New Style) calendar.
- 1801—Beginning the 19th Century.
- 1871—Brickett house burned, site of Association building, Derry Village.
- 1901—Beginning the 20th Century.

2—Thursday

- 1885—Knights of Labor organized.

3—Friday

- 1895—Law and Order League formed.
- 1896—Davis hosiery burned, East Derry.

4—Saturday

- 1902—At a special town meeting a motion to reconsider the location of the Adams Memorial Building on the White lot was lost, 56 votes to 47.

5—Sunday

- 1776—(State.) First constitution of New Hampshire adopted.
- 1897—Court Nutfield, Foresters of America, instituted.

6—Monday

- 1728-9—Committee chosen to appraise the seats in the first meeting house. They were valued from 10 shillings to 30 shillings a year, according to convenience.
- 1897—Derryfield shoe factory, occupied by H. L. Harris, burned.

7—Tuesday

- 1907—Court Laurier (Cath.) Foresters of America instituted.
- 1907—Town voted to take the water works.

8—Wednesday

1894—At a special school meeting a resolution to borrow \$5000 to build and complete the East Side schoolhouse was lost.

9—Thursday

1719-20—Record of Wheelwright's deed of Nutfield by John Goffe, the first town clerk of Londonderry.

10—Friday**11—Saturday**

1719-20—First general town meeting. Business: To provide for disposition of lots not settled for at appointed time.

1720-21—The town voted to build a meeting house.

1760—Fisheries at Amoskeag regulated by provincial government.

12—Sunday

1730—Ann Archibald land grant (near Butterfield Rock, Windham.)

13—Monday

1720-1—First recorded death in Nutfield—John Clark.

1914—Adams Memorial Building burned.

14—Tuesday

1728-9—First auditor's report recorded. James MacGregor, Examiner; John MacMurphy, town clerk.

15—Wednesday

1721-2—Disputed land in "Haveril" territory awarded to "old Mr. Moreson."

1814—Pinkerton Academy incorporated; approved by Gov. I. T. Gilmore.

16—Thursday**17—Friday**

1886—Earthquake.

1901—Pride of Court Nutfield, C. of the F. of A., instituted.

18—Saturday

1730-31—Amoskeag (fisheries) litigation left to discretion of selectmen.

19—Sunday

1719-20—Voted that James Gregg should have a gristmill lot on the south side of Beaver river. The mill site was near the gristmill recently operated by Lando B. Hardy, Derry Village.

1810—Cold Friday.

20—Monday

- 1723-4—Londonderry voted to build a schoolhouse.
1723-4—Voted the town shall bear the expense of building highway fences.

21—Tuesday

- 1906—Thermometer at 80. No snow.
1907—Re-dedication of the Baptist church, Derry.

22—Wednesday

- 1721-2—Steps taken to collect from delinquents on minister's salary by warrant and constabular authority.
1906—Summer temperature.
1913—Millard Miltimore buildings burned; nearly 200 years old.
1918—Leatherboard mill burned, Derry, site of Horne's sawmill.

23—Thursday

- 1903—Stevens blacksmith shop burned.

24—Friday

- 1734-5—First bequest on record for Londonderry meeting house, £28 by Archibald MacPheadris, Esq., of Portsmouth.
1909—Snow and sleet with thunder and lightning.

25—Saturday

- 1735—Rev. Matthew Clark, the second minister, died.

26—Sunday

- 1882—A list of estates, prepared on this date for publication, gives the names of 27 persons and companies paying over \$50 tax, one only of whom paid over \$100.

27—Monday

- 1910—Abbott block fire.

28—Tuesday

- 1730-1—Voted that the salaries of constables shall be uniform.

29—Wednesday

- 1914—Dedication of Knights of Pythias hall.

30—Thursday**31—Friday**

- 1912—Independent Order of Foresters instituted.



The road along this shore of Beaver Lake was called Ann street because at one time it is said that a member of every family on the street was given that name.

1—Saturday

1898—Heavy storm of snow. Abbott block (tenement house) burned.

1911—Currier House, old bank building, gutted by fire.

2—Sunday—Ground Hog Day

1881—"Sam" said 'the snowdrifts were so high on the Depot road that he could look down into the top of Hood's chimney.'"The Derry News.

3—Monday

1898—Mercury 30 degrees below.

1911—Observance, at Pinkerton Academy, of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Horace Greeley.

4—Tuesday

1907—Deeds passed for municipal ownership of Derry Water Works.

5—Wednesday

1907—Supreme court decision in favor of Derry and Goffs Falls Street Railway.

1908—First district nurse, Miss Agnes G. Hubbard, began work under auspices of the Derry Woman's Club.

6—Thursday

1908—George I. Bartlett house burned.

7—Friday

1760—Petition for a bridge over Beaver brook near Benjamin Wilson's mill (now Kendall's mills).

8—Saturday

1879—"Male and female servants were expunged" from tax list; slavery ceased in New Hampshire (state law). See Sept. 5 and Oct. 31.

1907—Survey began for Derry and Goffs Falls Street Railway.

9—Sunday

1885—Derry Co-op. Shoe Factory Ass'n formed.

10—Monday

1741—Appeal to general court for a law to dispose of lands of delinquent proprietors sufficient to equalize proprietary rights.

11—Tuesday

1891—Trial of the lighting system of the Derry Electric Light Co.

1909—Lincoln centenary observance at Pinkerton Academy.

12—Wednesday—Lincoln's Birthday (b. 1809)

1742 O. S.—Incorporation of the town of Windham.

1889—St. Luke's M. E. Society formed. Rev. William Ramsden, first minister.

13—Thursday

1720—First road in Nutfield laid out. (Derry Village to East Derry.)

1900—Flood and washout at Derry Village.

14—Friday

1909—Lincoln memorial centenary.

15—Saturday—End of present fiscal year of the town

1791—Rev. William Davidson, 50 years pastor of East church, died.

16—Sunday

1748-9—(Warrant): To see if the town will vote to impose a fine on persons who fail to make return of the names of the "borders or trangent persons" they may entertain, they being thought guilty of damage to the town.

17—Monday

1761—Petition for road "between John Anderson's stone house to the old meeting house."

18—Tuesday

1724-5—Road in the Three-quarter-mile Range (1919, by the E. L. Jones place to Adams mill) laid out.

19—Wednesday

1837—Date of town warrant first to be published in the town report.

20—Thursday**21—Friday**

1819—Gen. George Thom born.

22—Saturday—Washington's Birthday.

1901—Hammonasset Tribe, No. 34, Order of Red Men, instituted.

23—Sunday

1878—Opening of Taylor Library.

1889—Contract signed for the soldiers' monument.

24—Monday

1904—Abbott Davis & Co. paint shop burned.

1900—Warrant Article No. 14, to establish curfew law for children under 16.

25—Tuesday

1740—East and West Parishes established by Act of Legislature.

1740—Beginning the West Parish Presbyterian Society, Rev. David MacGregor, son of Rev. James MacGregor, first minister. Place of worship at that time was in Aiken's Range, west of (1919) Pinkerton Academy, and at the Hill meeting house one mile west of Aiken Range. A new building was begun in 1796 near (1919) F. A. Hardy residence, and was removed later to the center of the parish for a town hall. The present building was completed in 1837.

1897—Date of School warrant first to be published in the town report.

26—Wednesday

1889—Sisterhood Branch, Order Iron Hall, instituted.

27—Thursday

1724-5—Road by (1919) E. L. Jones place recorded.

28—Friday—End of the fur season.

1908—Annual meeting of the New Hampshire Board of Trade.



Westrunning Brook. near the "common" field where the first Irish potatoes were raised in this country.



JENNY DICKEY BROOK

1—Saturday

1887—Vital statistics first printed in the town reports.

1896—Flood.

1915—Derry Building and Loan Association organized.

2—Sunday

1877—A minority report of the fifth special committee meeting concerning the adoption of the present town district school system gives this resolution: "That the district system" (the separate district) "is cumbersome and unwieldy, and a clog to the educational progress of the town, and ought to be abolished at once."

3—Monday

1877—School committee report urges an amicable settlement of the school district question mentioned in the preceding date.

4—Tuesday

1752—Alexander Wilson died in the South Range. He served at the defence of Londonderry, Ireland, in 1688-89, and emigrated to Londonderry soon after the settlement in 1719.

5—Wednesday

1722—Voted to build a pound.

1722-3—Voted to give the selectmen power to secure the fisheries at "Ameskeeg."

1723-4—An act or by-law made by the selectmen and others for the protection of timber on the common lands to the restricted use for benefit within the town.

1724—Voted to build a bridge at lower end of Beaver pond. The first bridge. Built by Robert Boyes.

1727-8—First sealer of weights and measures appointed.—James Alexander.

1729-30—First public temperance movement. "Voted, that all tipling houses that are or may arise in this town are Discharged and forbidden under penalty of being prosecuted as the Law directs."

March 5—Continued.

- 1729—Death of Rev. James MacGregor, the first minister.
1734-5—Voted to have a grammar school.
1742-3—First game wardens appointed. "Voted, that Jon. Humphrey and Thos. McCleary shall take care of the Deear that they be not killed out of season as the Law Directs in that case made and provided."
1915—Voted to build a schoolhouse at Derry—the Floyd school.

6—Thursday

- 1778—Southwest territory set off, forming Nottingham West, now Hudson.
1910—Committee appointed to select a site for a high school.
1917—Roads from West Hampstead depot to Derry line and from the Col. Lane farm to the Mary Pillsbury place discontinued.

7—Friday

- 1736-7—A meeting was called for the election of a representative to the General Court, but there is no record of such meeting.

8—Saturday

- 1905—Nutfield Savings Bank chartered.
1910—First town election by Australian ballot, and first election held at Adams Memorial building.

9—Sunday

- 1875—Voted to build a town house at East Derry.
1885—Woman's Christian Temperance Union organized.
1886—Highway district system abolished.
1909—Australian ballot adopted. Polling place changed to West Derry, now Derry.

10—Monday

- 1884—Samuel Clark, great grandson of Robert Clark, one of the first settlers of the English Range, died.

11—Tuesday

- 1886—Town district school system adopted.
1888—Severe snow storm; all traffic stalled; mercury dropped 60 degrees in twenty-four hours, reaching 30 below.
1919—Town voted \$500 to enlarge rooms of Taylor Library, and \$15,000 to repair East Broadway.

12—Wednesday

1890—Water works and concrete walks voted for at an adjourned town meeting.

1895—Present police court established.

13—Thursday

1701—(Pre-settlement). Deed of Nutfield by John (Indian) for £5 to Newbury or Salem parties.

14—Friday

1905—Voted to furnish public reading rooms in Adams Memorial building. Voted to publish the records of old Londonderry beginning with the settlement in Nutfield.

15—Saturday

1884—Independent School District No. 2 adopts board of education.

1697—(Pre-settlement). Hannah Dustin's first night in captivity after the Haverhill massacre by Indians, on this date, was spent in the territory now Derry, a few rods from the scene of the first sermon in Nutfield, near Beaver Lake.

1910—Madden's ice house burned.

16—Sunday

1907—Charles Huse stable burned.

1908—Cummings True place, built in 1787 by Amos Jenness, burned.

17—Monday—St. Patrick's Day

1900—The Town school district voted to insure the school buildings and to educate pupils above the grammar grade at Pinkerton Academy.

1915—Woodbury Shoe factory burned; owned by Citizens Building Association and occupied by the Woodbury Shoe Co. of Beverly, Mass.

18—Tuesday

1889—Honesty Lodge, No. 79, N. E. O. P., instituted.

1899—School District No. 2 vote to build a new school-house.

1905—Vote to employ supervisory district school superintendent. H. L. Grinnell, first.

19—Wednesday

1902—Norton block burned.

20—Thursday

1909—Formal naming of Pillsbury Camp Sons of Veterans.

21—Friday—First Day of Spring.

1827—Last town meeting before the division of territory forming the towns of Londonderry and Derry.

1913—Earliest time on record of ice going out of Beaver lake.

22—Saturday

1907—Numerous freaks by lightning.

23—Sunday

1720-1—Mill site on Aiken brook granted William Aiken and others. Site of Horne's mill, Electric Light Station, Leatherboard factory burned.

1721—Forty acres, covering nearly all the area of the present Derry Village, recorded to James Gregg as a recognition for public services.

24—Monday

1902—Knights of Malta instituted.

1910—Fire at ice houses of H. P. Hood & Sons.

25—Tuesday

1721—First assessment of property voted.

26—Wednesday

1722—First board of highway surveyors appointed—Benjamin Wilson, Alexander Nicols, James Clark, Samuel Graves, John McNeel.

27—Thursday**28—Friday**

1891—Derry Electric Light Co. organized.

29—Saturday

1889—Fire at Bell's opera house.

1901—Fire Precinct at West Derry voted to install an efficient fire signal system.

1913—White Shrine of Jerusalem instituted.

30—Sunday**31—Monday**

1720—Birth of first female child, Martha Allison, born in Old Londonderry, Nutfield.

1907—Beginning services in new building of the Church of the Transfiguration, Episcopal.

1918—Daylight saving bill in effect.

1791

April

1919

School sessions began this month in 1824 at Adams Female Academy under the management of Miss Z. P. Grant.

1—**Tuesday—All Fools' Day**—Trout fishing season begins.

1719—Beginning the "Hog Reeve Law." Prov.

1776—Until this date the words "Province of New Hampshire" were used on the warrants for town meetings.

1907—Beginning the first fishing season—license required.

2—**Wednesday**

1719—(Pre-settlement). Arrival of settlers from Haverhill.

3—**Thursday**

4—**Friday**

1738—Voted to have one public school master for the ensuing year, and to divide time allowed for teaching among the different localities.

5—**Saturday**

1893—Derry Board of Health organized.

6—**Sunday**

7—**Monday**

1728—Date of the warrant for choosing the first representative to General Assembly.

1756—An appeal to the General Court to expel tramps from the town.

1917—Seth Bruce place burned.

8—**Tuesday**

1722—Second death in Nutfield—Mary Leslie.

9—**Wednesday**

1816—Rates of Postage Act of Congress—Single letters not exceeding 30 miles, 6 c.; to 400 miles, 25 c. Double letters, or two sheets of paper, double the charge. In effect May 1, 1816.

10—**Thursday**

1719—Beginning the settlement of Nutfield.

11—Friday

1719—O. S.—Meeting of Rev. James MacGregor and the settlers at Horse Hill. (Northern end of the John Gregg lot in the Double Range, and later known as the James Batchelder place,

12—Saturday

1719—O. S.—Date of the first sermon in Nutfield, by Rev. James MacGregor.

1776—Order served to the selectmen by the Committee of Safety to secure signatures for the defence of the Colonies.

1793—Petition for the division of the East and West parishes.

1889—Derry Village Improvement Society formed.

13—Palm Sunday

1723—Committee appointed to lay out the wants of homesteads and town amendments (lots).

14—Monday

1735—Motion to build a pound.

15—Tuesday—New England Telephone Strike.

1720 Election of the first representatives to the General Court at "Strawberry Bank" (Portsmouth)—James MacGregor, James MacKeen, and Samuel Graves.

16—Wednesday

1745—First Presbytery formed,—by James Morehead of Boston, James MacGregor of Londonderry, and Robert Abercrombie of Windham.

1911—Postoffice closed Sundays by order of the government on petition, and Street collections cancelled.

17—Thursday

1879—Echo Lodge No. 61, I. O. O. F., instituted.

1889—St. Lukes M. E. Church dedicated.

1889—Sons of Veterans organized.

18—Friday

1721—Petition to General Court for bills of credit.

1911—John Hemphill place, owned and occupied by James H. Baker, burned. Built about 1760.

19—Saturday

1737—Proposals for peace over the controversy of the division of the town.

1783—Revolutionary armistice.

20—Easter Sunday

1874—James C. Taylor place burned by lightning.
Birthplace of Samuel Taylor, LL. D., 32
years principal of Andover Academy, Mass.

21—Monday—Postponement of action to make one town
fire precinct.

1909—Norton farm buildings burned; Birch street.

22—Tuesday

1725—Voted to have a school in each quarter section of
the town.

1731—First highway district system established.
Voted to divide the town into quarter sections
for highway surveying and repairs on roads
and bridges.

23—Wednesday

1775—Voted to give Revolutionary soldiers \$7.00 a
month.

1778—West parish voted to appeal to Legislature to
constrain inhabitants to vote and pay minis-
terial tax in their respective parishes.

24—Thursday—Fast Day

1892—Henry Hill farm buildings burned.

25—Friday

1897—Forest fire.

26—Saturday—Arbor Day

1894—Celebration of the 75th anniversary of Odd
Fellowship in America, by Echo Lodge and
Mizpah Rebekah lodge.

27—Sunday

1896—Beginning the construction of the Chester &
Derry Electric R. R.

1901—Final vote to build a brick schoolhouse in Dis-
trict No. 2; the one now standing.

1907—Fire at District No. 2 schoolhouse.

28—Monday

1758—First instance recorded of drawing the names of
Jurymen from a box. James Ramsey was the
first name.

29—Tuesday

1720—First justice (James MacKeen) appointed.

1775—Committee appointed to look into the conduct of
disloyal citizens.

30—Wednesday



This cairn marks the place where the first sermon in Nutfield was delivered by Rev. James MacGregor, April 12, 1719. Near by, Hannah Dustin spent her first night in captivity, March 15, 1697.

1719

May

1919

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- 1—Thursday**
1727—Voted to build a log building near the meeting-house for a school building.
1861—First men mustered in Civil war; Derry—Melvin Chase, Frank A. Flint; Londonderry—David Coffin, Wesley B. Knight, Joseph C. Abbott, Haskell P. Coffin.
1917—Greenough block (stores of C. H. Clement and Moody-George Co.) burned.
- 2—Friday**
1887—G. C. Bartlett stable, Derry Village, burned.
1911—Forest fire.
- 3—Saturday**
1861—Second muster of men to Civil war.
- 4—Sunday**
1883—Derry Rifle Club (1st) formed.
1907—Elms hotel burned; once the dormitory for the Adams Female Academy.
- 5—Monday—Victory Loan Parade.**
1886—Coburns mill burned.
- 6—Tuesday**
1738—(Advertisement)—“Taken up by John Senter of Londonderry, an old brown meer, branded on the near sholder with the figer of four, also branded on the off battoke with the letters E. S.”
- 7—Wednesday**
1731—House of Representatives provides for seal and scales for protection against fraud for Londonderry linen. (See Sept. 28, 1748).
1911—Forest fires endanger village at West Derry.
- 8—Thursday**
1799—Gov. Samuel Dinsmore born. Windham.
- 9—Friday**
1884—Geo. E. Upton Womans Relief Corps organized.
1917—First volunteers, 27 men, to join the allied forces against Germany.
- 10—Saturday**
1727—Londonderry assessed 40£ Provincial tax.
1882—First church building meeting of the Baptist society.

11—Sunday—Mothers' Day

1907—Petition of Manchester & Derry Street railway granted by Derry.

12—Monday

1911—Sinclair place burned by forest fire.

13—Tuesday

1868—Beginning the two weeks storm.

1911—Forest fire burns 350 m. sawed lumber on the Palmer lot.

14—Wednesday

1884—Dedication of the Baptist church.

15—Thursday

1733—James Wilson, grandson of emigrant Alexander Wilson, died. His son James, of Bradford, Vt., was the maker of the first pair of terrestrial and celestial globes ever made in America.

16—Friday

1728—Petition preferred by David Cargill for a joint committee with Chester to settle the Kingstown boundary dispute.

1746—Enlistment of scouting party in His Majesty's service under Capt. Samuel Barr.

17—Saturday

1629—(Pre-settlement). Col. Wheelwright grant.

1810—Disastrous frost.

1901—Association Canado-Americane Court Montcalm organized.

18—Sunday—Beginning the Methodist Centenary Drive

1721—First marriage in Nutfield—John Walis (Wallace) and Annis (Annas) Barnett.

1903—Warren Morrill house burned.

19—Monday

1780—The dark day. Artificial lights necessary for work or reading. Work in the fields suspended.

1798—Public fair day voted.

20—Tuesday

1778—Petition of West Parish to General Court, requiring each tax payer to vote and pay taxes in the parish in which he dwells.

1918—District No. 4 schoolhouse burned. Rebuilt.

21—Wednesday

1725—House of Representatives demand a representative from Londonderry and a list of ratable estates. James MacKeen was the first representative appointed.

22—Thursday

1884—Geo. E. Upton W. R. C. instituted.

23—Friday

1863—Caswell's Hotel, site of Hildreth Hall, Derry Village, burned.

1890—Rathbone Division Uniform Rank K. of P. instituted.

1901—Formal opening of the first railroad pavilion at Beaver lake.

24—Saturday

1721—Prudential committee appoints a committee of three to appraise certain complained of lots of land in Nutfield.

1901—Opening of the first railroad pavilion at Beaver lake.

25—Sunday

1919—On this date and the two preceding days the Rockingham County Y. M. C. A. held its 6th Annual Convention.

26—Monday**27—Tuesday**

1885—First volunteer fire company at Derry Depot (now Derry) formed.

1905—First session of the present police court, Judge W. W. Poor presiding.

28—Wednesday

1730—Benjamin Wilson granted a gristmill privilege on Beaver brook. Site of "lower" bridge. Later, Gosse, Moore, Kendall mills.

29—Thursday

1783—Voted: "To instruct representatives to General Court that refugees (Revolutionary) have no liberty to come back to this State."

30—Friday—Memorial Day**31—Saturday**

1722—Committee chosen to lay out the second division of land.



THE ELMS HOTEL

Burned May 4, 1907. This building was formerly the
Adams Female Academy dormitory.

1719

June

1919

1—Sunday

1720—First town treasurer, David Cargill, elected.

1723—Double Range road south of West Running brook laid out.

2—Monday

1737—Beginning the district school committee system.

Vote: each quarter school section given power to appoint local committee.

3—Tuesday

1720—First vote to build a house of worship. The second meeting house was built in 1769.

4—Wednesday

1907—Granite Degree of Honor, No. 1, A. O. U. W., instituted.

5—Thursday

1861—Gov. Charles M. Floyd born.

6—Friday

1888—Nesmith bequest by will placed at interest for 150 years for the founding of a college.

7—Saturday

1733—Proprietors of the first meetinghouse given power to lay out a ministerial lot in southern part of the town.

8—Sunday

1810—Third society, Congregational, and the First church adopt joint articles of faith.

1816—Snow storm.

9—Monday

1775—Last Provincial tax in the name of the king.

10—Tuesday

1869—Celebration of the 150th anniversary of old Nutfield.

1907—Special town meeting to straighten West Broadway.

11—Wednesday

1816—Great damage to crop by frost. This summer was the coldest on record.

12—Thursday

1804—Act of Legislature empowering a private corporation to build the Londonderry turnpike from Concord to Andover as a toll road. Petitioners: John Prentice, John Dinsmore, John Montgomery, William A. Kent, James Pinkerton.

13—Friday**14—Saturday**

A. L. 5826—St. Mark's Lodge, No. 44, A. F. & A. M. chartered.

1883—Abel F. Hildreth house moved from the site of Pinkerton Academy campus immediate grounds to the corner of Nesmith & Main streets. Mr. Hildreth was principal of the academy from 1819 to 1846.

1916—Dedication of the new pavilion at Beaver lake.

15—Sunday

1760—Petition for road between David Cochran's and Hugh Ramsey's.

16—Monday

1806—Only total eclipse of the sun in the 19th century.

1919—Lester W. Chase Post, American Legion, organized. Officially named on June 20.

17—Tuesday—Lexington Day

1719—Samuel Graves, Robert Boyes, Joseph Simonds and James Gregg were obligated to build a sawmill on Beaver river. Their privilege extended from the present site of Derry Village to the upper end of Beaver pond. The sawmill was built near the site of the (1919) Benjamin Chase Co. mill. James Gregg was privileged at the same time to build a gristmill on the south side of Beaver river. This was near the site of the gristmill of the late (1919) Lando B. Hardy.

18—Wednesday

1883—Benjamin Chase shop, mfg. tree labels and plant stakes, burned. (First fire). Shop was on site of the Smith hat factory and was a part of the Underhill axe factory.

19—Thursday

1730—Road in Londonderry running east to meet the Aiken Range road laid out.

20—Friday

1888—Mystic Encampment, No. 30, I. O. O. F., instituted.

- 21—Saturday—First Day of Summer.**
1722—Date of the charter of Londonderry.
1825—General Lafayette's visit to the Adams Female Academy.
- 22—Sunday**
1816—Ice formed.
1894—Opening of Hotel Batchelder, Wm. F. Batchelder, prop. Place is now known as Beaver Lake House, James Davis, prop.
- 23—Monday**
1743—Boundary-Province tax dispute settlement with Methuen and Dracut, in House of Representatives.
1900—Warren P. Horne saw mill and box factory burned; operated by Derry Syndicate Co. Site of William Aiken mill grant, Aiken's brook, 1720-1—(Second fire: see Sept. 13.)
1916—Tuttle place, East Derry, burned.
- 24—Tuesday**
1776—Signatures to the Revolutionary "Association test" submitted by Public Safety committee.
1803—Matthew Thornton, resident of Derry Village and a signer of the Declaration of Independence, died at Newburyport, Mass.
- 25—Wednesday**
1724—At a town meeting on this date the only action was to choose a moderator—John Blair.
- 26—Thursday**
1877—Chester & Derry Telephone Co., incorporated.
- 27—Friday**
1723—Concerning pay of public employes: Voted—that all persons "pressed upon the publick concerns" of the town by the constable shall receive two shillings and sixpence a day.
1723—First church session.
- 28—Saturday—(International) Treaty of Versailles**
1909—Derry Realty association formed.
- 29—Sunday**
1720—Emigration troubles: Meeting called for July 25, 1720, protesting actions of Emigration Committee in regard to settlers on the "extra" proprietary lots in Nutfield. The "extra" lots were additional lands allowed the proprietors, and it was through the settlement of these lots that dissatisfaction arose.
- 30—Monday**
1746—Action in regard to enlistment for the Louisburg Expedition is deferred.

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- 1—**Tuesday**
1819—"Toleration Act", separating church from state, passed by legislature.
1873—Fiftieth anniversary of the Adams Female Academy.
1890—Catholic parsonage burned.
- 2—**Wednesday**—(Assassination of President Garfield 1881).
1827—Town of Derry incorporated.
- 3—**Thursday**
1891—Lincoln Council No. 9, O. U. A. M., instituted.
- 4—**Friday—Independence Day.**
1911—Temperature 106°.
- 5—**Saturday**
1889—Niagara Engine Co., No. 3, (hand-tub) organized, Derry Village.
- 6—**Sunday**
1827—Towns required by Act of Legislature to raise \$90 school money for each dollar of the proportion of State tax.
- 7—**Monday**
- 8—**Tuesday**
1837—First meeting to form the Congregational church society.
1900—Barn on the farm of Mark F. Hill burned by lightning.
- 9—**Wednesday**
1896—Freight wreck.
1904—Chester & Derry Telephone Co. re-organized as the Chester & Derry Telegraph and Telephone Co.
1907—Cyclone damage to timber.
- 10—**Thursday**
1899—Molly Reid Chapter, D. A. R., unveil tablet to Molly Woodburn Reid, wife of Gen. Reid, at the Woodburn homestead, High Range, Londonderry.
1911—Joshua G. Hubbard house burned. (Second fire—see July 13).

11—Friday

1776—Capt. John Nesmith's company, Col. Matthew Thornton's regiment, mustered in for Canadian service.

12—Saturday

1831—Town settlement measures: Non-resident proprietors given 40 days in which to settle their lots on penalty of confiscation.

1864—Derry Bank chartered as a national bank. The first charter was received in 1828.

1883—Derry Archery Club formed.

13—Sunday

1825—Dr. Isaac Thom, first postmaster (1801) in Londonderry, died.

1889—Capt. Nat. Warren place, occupied by J. G. Hubbard, burned. (First fire—see July 10).

14—Monday

1850—Death of Rev. Edward L. Parker.

15—Tuesday

1730—Falls on "Cohasset" brook, with privilege, sold by Court to Patrick Douglass.

16—Wednesday

1904—Neoskaleta Council No. 18, Daughters of Pocahontas, instituted.

1917—First issue of the Daily Record, the first daily paper in Derry, published by O. H. A. Chamberlen.

17—Thursday

1883—Pillsbury Guards, Co. F, 1st Reg. N. H. N. G. organized.

18—Friday

1888—Lincoln Club formed.

1909—Herman L. Bartlett house burned.

1909—Amos G. Bodwell place, occupied by Robert H. Cameron, burned.

1919—George I. Choate house in English Range, burned.

19—Saturday

1779—Lieut. Col. Gregg of Derry mustered in Paul Thomson of Windham, that town giving him the highest bounty of any Continental soldier in the state: £90, ten bushels of rye and ten bushels of corn.—Morrison's History of Windham.

20—Sunday

1779—Resolutions adopted for restoring credit of continental currency.

21—Monday**22—Tuesday**

1917—Fire, caused by lightning, destroys the barn on the Joseph Montgomery place and damages the house.

23—Wednesday**24—Thursday****25—Friday—Beginning Dog Days.**

1720—Emigration committee given power to allot additional lands to the first 20 settlers in Nutfield.

26—Saturday

1905—Dedication of the Perkins & Hardy shoe factory, site of the New England Fibre mills.

27—Sunday

1880—Derry Commandery, No. 108, United Order of the Golden Cross instituted.

1887—Dedication of the new Pinkerton Academy building.

28—Monday

1775—First men (99) after "Lexington", under Capt. George Reid, ready to march to Medford.

29—Tuesday

1732—The old road now discontinued leading from near the pond bridge to the Daniel Shattuck place, known in recent years as "Green Lane", laid out.

1913—Draining water mark fixed at Beaver lake.

30—Wednesday

1746—Passing of the John Tufton Mason deed.

31—Thursday

1889—Hope Lodge, No. 63, Order of Aegis, instituted.

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- 1—**Friday**
1907—Free delivery of mail established. Name of West Derry postoffice changed to Derry and Derry to Village Station.
- 2—**Saturday**
1893—Coolidge farm buildings burned.
1911—First branch in New Hampshire of the American Peace Society formed.
1914—Catholic church burned.
- 3—**Sunday**
1837—First Congregational church organized, Rev. Pliny B. Day, first pastor.
1882—J. G. Goodwin stable burned.
1897—Unveiling monument to General Stark.
- 4—**Monday**
- 5—**Tuesday**
1740—Decree of the king fixing the position of the boundary between the provinces of Massachusetts and New Hampshire gives rise to much spirited litigation between Londonderry and other settlements.
1904—Derry Athletic Association formed.
- 6—**Wednesday**
1834—First M. E. church organized. First minister, Rev. Philo Bronson. House was built by Mr. Beede in 1836. Early services were held in the "Birch Schoolhouse".
- 7—**Thursday**
1822—Will of Jacob Adams to found the Adams Female Academy.
- 8—**Friday**
1885—Grant memorial service.
- 9—**Saturday**
1819—Gen. Aaron Fletcher Stevens born at the place occupied in recent years by Joseph Klein.
- 10—**Sunday**
1822—Jacob Adams, founder of Adams Female Academy, died.
1905—Derry Public Library opened.
1909—Hopkins Home for Aged Women founded by will of Lucretia A. Hopkins.



PINKERTON ACADEMY

Showing the old building in its original position.
Removed August 25, 1885.

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- 11—**Monday**
1881—Mizpah Rebekah lodge instituted.
- 12—**Tuesday**
1751—Petition for land for the township of Derryfield submitted.
- 13—**Wednesday**
1895—The Danforth house, known later as the Banister house near No. 2 schoolhouse, damaged by fire. The place is now owned by George S. Pettee.
- 14—**Thursday**
1721—Common land east of Beaver pond laid out for a ministerial lot.
- 15—**Friday**
1730—Col. John Bell, member of Provincial Congress, 1775, born.
1894—Derry Cycle club organized.
- 16—**Saturday**
1777—Capt. David McClary died at Battle of Bennington. He was the only man from Londonderry killed in action in the Revolutionary war.
- 17—**Sunday**
1728—Warrant to see if a highway leading to Boston and Dracut shall be built before the lands are laid out.
- 18—**Monday**
- 19—**Tuesday**
1882—Fire at Derry Depot destroyed thirteen buildings. In 1877 there were sixteen buildings in that village. The building era began soon after the fire.
- 20—**Wednesday**
1888—Bell's opera house dedicated.
- 21—**Thursday**
1882—First fire meeting forming permanent fire company
- 22—**Friday**
1816—Snow in nearby localities.
1895—First meeting of Pinkerton Academy Association.
- 23—**Saturday**
1737—Provincial line conference committee chosen.

24—Sunday—Bi-centennial Celebration.

- 1730—Voted to give bonds for the minister's salary.
Seven bondsmen required.
- 1891—Nine buildings including Pillsbury's kit factory,
burned at Derry Depot.
- 1901—First old home day celebration.

25—Monday—Bi-centennial celebration.

- 1881—Garfield memorial service.
- 1885—Removal of the old Pinkerton Academy building
preparatory to building the new one on the
same site.

26—Tuesday—Bi-centennial Celebration.**27—Wednesday**

- 1751—Prayer of the petitioners granted at the first
action taken toward the settlement of Derry-
field.
- 1918—Ending of the first season of the daylight saving
bill.

28—Thursday

- 1728—Gen. Stark born.
- 1776—Beginning the use of the words "State of New
Hampshire" on warrants and legal docu-
ments, in the place of "Colony of New Hamp-
shire," or earlier, "Province of New Hamp-
shire."
- 1903—Kimball shoe store fire.

29—Friday

- 1893—Beginning a general survey for a system of
sewers.

30—Saturday

- 1887—Order of Iron Hall organized.

31—Sunday

- 1909—Dedication of the tablet to Matthew Thornton
by Molly Reid Chapter, D. A. R.

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- 1—**Monday—Labor Day**
1918—Beginning the new fiscal school year (Leg. Act.)
1824—Gen. Lafayette entertained by Gen. E. H. Derby,
East Derry.
- 2—**Tuesday**
1752 A. D.—Is said to be the longest day on record—
“because the next day was the 14th of the
same month.” By the adoption of the Gregorian (New Style) calendar eleven days were
dropped from the month of September of that
year beginning with the third day; hence, the
enigma.
- 3—**Wednesday**
1751—Derryfield, now Manchester, incorporated.
1889—Order Brit-o-Mart instituted.
- 4—**Thursday**
1775—First Presbyterian Synod.
1879—Upton Post, G. A. R., chartered.
- 5—**Friday—Dog Days End**
1792—Constitution of New Hampshire—Bill of rights:
“All men born free,” virtually abolished slavery
in New Hampshire. It was approved by
the people and established in convention. (See
Oct. 31 and Feb. 8).
1915—Beginning three days’ centennial celebration of
Pinkerton Academy.
- 6—**Saturday**
1881—The yellow day.
1910—First state primary election.
- 7—**Sunday**
1911—First regular meeting and election of officers
of the Derry Peace Society.
- 8—**Monday**
1719—First birth in Nutfield—Jonathan Morrison;
John and Margaret Morrison, parents.
- 9—**Tuesday**
1821—Great damage by storm.
- 10—**Wednesday**
1880—Welcome Lodge, No. 28, I. O. G. T., instituted.
1884—Re-dedication of the First church, East Derry.
1917—Opening of the Floyd school.

11—Thursday

1888—Seventy-ninth convocation of New Hampshire Congregational and Presbyterian ministers at East Derry.

1910—Melvin stable burned and house damaged. The house was built by Nathaniel Parker, brother of Rev. Edward L. Parker, soon after 1800. Mr. Parker conducted a tannery on the opposite side of the street. (North of this house was the little fire house of the first fire company on record in Derry village, Engine No. 1. The house was burned, but some of the equipment is in the possession of residents of the village.)

12—Friday

1866—Semi-centennial of Pinkerton Academy.

1896—First electric car from Derry to Chester.

13—Saturday

1881—Horne's sawmill and box factory burned. (First fire; see June 23.)

14—Sunday

1894—Moses A. Hunkins place burned.

15—Monday

1882—A. M. Chadbourn buildings burned. The third in the chapter of 1882 fires.

1915—Beaver Lake pavilion burned.

16—Tuesday

1911—John S. Burbank house, Franklin street, burned.

17—Wednesday

1725—Voted to build a bridge at lower end of Beaver pond. This was the first bridge, and was built by Robert Boyes.

1815—Death of Gen. George Reid.

18—Thursday

1744—Voted a "small gift" of one hundred weight of butter to "aspeciall friend" of the town.

1887—Extensive burglaries.

19—Friday

1732—Highway difficulties. Double value refused for land for a road five rods in length to David Cargill's mill. This was later the MacMurphy mill near the farm now owned by heirs of the late Robert Clarke, and which was originally the Samuel Houston property.

1907—Fire at the home farm house of H. P. Hood & Sons.

20—Saturday

1885—Nutfield skating rink burned.

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- 21—Sunday—Fall begins**
1719—Petition for the incorporation of Londonderry.
1891—Electric lights turned on.
- 22—Monday**
1729—Town agrees to settlement of Rev. Matthew Clark, the second minister.
1755—Voted £30 old tenor, bounty for each enlisted man for the expedition to Crown Point.
1896—Formal opening of Chester & Derry Street Railway.
1913—Damren place burned by lightning.
- 23—Tuesday**
1719—Petition for Charter of Londonderry presented to General Court at Portsmouth.
1815—Great damage by storm.
1894—Stable at Stephen Smith place, Derry Village destroyed by fire and house damaged. Mr Smith, deceased, once conducted a hat business at the present site of the Benj. Chase Co. mills.
The Stephen Smith house is now occupied by James M. Pollard.
- 24—Wednesday**
1719—Endersement of the petition of incorporation of Londonderry.
1915—Rockingham House, Island pond, burned.
- 25—Thursday**
1815—Hurricane bearing salt spray from the coast and causing much damage swept southern New Hampshire.
- 26—Friday**
1908—First regular meeting of the Jewish Synagogue.
- 27—Saturday**
1909—The Carleton house burned. This house was built in 1788 by David Carleton, and in recent years was known as the Morrill house. It was on the Simonds grant in the English Range. Another house now stands in its place.
- 28—Sunday**
1748—Protection of Linens. Voted to purchase seal and appoint sealers to protect from fraud the linen manufacturers. (Town document.) (See May 7, 1721, in House of Representatives.)
- 29—Monday**
1888—First firemen's muster.
- 30—Tuesday**
1897—Hubbard Forest fire.



SOLDIERS' MONUMENT
Dedicated on October 1st, 1889

1—Wednesday—Hunting season begins

- 1883—Letter postal rates reduced to two cents in effect.
1889—Dedication of the soldiers' monument at East Derry.
1890—Re-dedication of the Adams Female Academy to co-education.
1909—Beginning the first hunting season—resident license required.

2—Thursday

- 1804—Rules and regulations established governing the corporation of the Londonderry (section of the Boston and Concord) turnpike, completed in 1806.

3—Friday

- 1807—Samuel H. Taylor, LL. D., born. Forty years principal of Phillips Andover Academy.
1901—The 51st and last town fair held in Derry.

4—Saturday

- 1837—First pastor installed (Rev. Pliny B. Day) in the First Congregational Church, now the Central church, Derry Village.

5—Sunday

- 1727—Settlement. Meeting to regulate equivalent land difficulties.

6—Monday

- 1739—Voted to settle Rev. William Davidson as minister. Mr. Davidson continued in the service at the First Church 50 years.
1885—Indignation meeting against Knights of Labor.

7—Tuesday

- 1890—Rainsford Chapter, No. 3, O. E. S., instituted.

8—Wednesday

- 1891—Haverhill, Mass., and Manchester, N. H., fire companies hold muster with the local department.

9—Thursday

1888—Parade of First Regiment, N. H. N. G.—The last, if not the only regimental parade held in Derry.

1902—New primary department opened at the East Side school, Derry.

10—Friday

1880—Baptist church organized. Rev. A. H. Stowell, first minister.

11—Saturday

1738—Settlement of the John Goffe, Jr., land claim in favor of claimant on condition of return of a prior claim.

12—Sunday—Columbus Day

1737—Petition to General Assembly to establish the West Parish.

13—Monday

1902—Opening the new primary department at West Side school, Derry.

14—Tuesday

1720—Town committee empowered to lay out highways by order of Governor Wentworth.

1890—Loyalty Commandery, No. 7, Order of Safety, instituted.

15—Wednesday

1757—Rev. Joseph McKeen, D. D., born grandson of James McKeen, Esq., one of the company by whom the town was settled, and its first moderator.

16—Thursday**17—Friday**

1882—Comet observations.

18—Saturday

1737—Early public bequest. Voted: That the Archibald MacPheadris bequest be used to repair the old meeting house.

19—Sunday

1798—Public fair day voted.

1908—Derry Poultry Association formed.

20—Monday

1719—Deed of Nutfield signed by John Wheelwright.

1892—Celebration by the public schools of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by Columbus.

October 20—Continued.

- 1905—First issue of *The Derry Enterprise*, a weekly newspaper, published by Rosecrans W. Pillsbury, now issued by the News-Enterprise Co., E. P. Trowbridge, publisher.
- 21—Tuesday
1901—First session of school in the new (present) District No. 2 school building.
- 22—Wednesday
1886—Philomathean Society formed at Pinkerton Academy.
- 23—Thursday
1723—Double Range road, north of West running brook, laid out.
1730—Col. William Gregg (Revolutionary War) grandson of Capt. James Gregg, emigrant, born.
- 24—Friday
1726—Voted to form the land into Ranges; also roads to be laid out to surrounding towns.
- 25—Saturday
1727—Committee appointed to defend the charter rights of the town.
- 26—Sunday
1747—Reversed charges—"Cost of repairing the bridge at Benjamin Wilson's mill (Kendall's) to be incurred by the surveyors."
- 27—Monday
1894—Molly Reid Chapter, D. A. R., organized.
- 28—Tuesday
1728—(Grant.) Ninety-two acres of land in Windham to Rev. James MacGregor.
- 29—Wednesday
1729—Severe earthquake.
- 30—Thursday
1733—Action at public meeting in regard to the expense of calling and ordaining the Rev. Thomas Thomson, and stipulations of deed of land to same.
- 31—Friday
1783—(State.) Constitution of New Hampshire adopted; in effect June, 1784. (See Sept. 5 and Feb. 8.)
1885—Police regulations adopted.



THE COL. LANE HOUSE
Gen. Lafayette was entertained at this house by Gen. Elias H. Derby, Sept. 1, 1824

1—Saturday

1881—(Universal). Aventine-Italaian, prophet of the 14th century, predicted the end of the world would come Nov. 14, 1881, and that evidence would begin to appear Nov. 1 of the same year, when "the ocean would overflow its shores."

2—Sunday

1721—Second marriage in Nutfield—John Barnett and Joan Seaford.

3—Monday**4—Tuesday**

1909—Derry Realty Association shoe factory dedicated.

5—Wednesday

1897—Odd Fellows block burned.

1908—Derry Board of Trade organized.

6—Thursday

1723—Aiken's Range and Eayers Range roads laid out.

1888—Will of Harriet Taylor for the Taylor library accepted.

1905—Nutfield Savings bank organized.

7—Friday

1882—Town voted to purchase fire apparatus.

1893—Caleb Colby mill burned.

8—Saturday

1722—First fair appointed in the charter of Londonderry.

1911—James Pinkerton (Greeley) place burned.

9—Sunday

1719—The first town meeting, and the first moderator, James MacKeen, and the first town clerk, John Goffe, elected or appointed.

1908—First session of evening school.

10—Monday

1758—Matthew Thornton, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, elected representative to General Assembly from Londonderry and Windham.

1902—Houston place, Derry Peak, burned, occupied by Theodore Clark.

- 11—**Tuesday**
1917—Dedication of the Catholic church (St. Thomas Aquinas). Destroyed by fire and rebuilt.
1918—Parade, celebrating armistice with Germany.
- 12—**Wednesday**
1792—First Presidential election (Washington).
- 13—**Thursday**
1833—Falling of the stars.
1849—Manchester and Lawrence Railway opened.
1909—First fatal automobile accident.
- 14—**Friday**
1726—Third division of land in Londonderry.
1918—New England Fibre Mills burned.
- 15—**Saturday**
1888—500th regular session of Oldfellowship celebrated, at Bell's opera house, site of present Knights of Pythias building.
- 16—**Sunday**
- 17—**Monday**
1723—Chester road laid out.
1754—Matthew Thornton died.
1880—Baptist church re-organized.
1883—Derry Brass Band organized.
- 18—**Tuesday**
1728—Voted that the selectmen take a bond of £30 of Capt. Cargill to keep up the fulling mill for the use of the town forever.
1755—"On tuesday, nobr ye 18th, 1775, a foure a'clock in the morning and ten minutes, there was an Extrorinary Shock of An Earthquake, and continous afterwards with smaller shocks."—Annoted by Moses Barnet, Londonderry, Proprietor's Clerk.—During this earthquake over 100 chimneys were razed in Boston.
- 19—**Wednesday**
1778—Tory estates confiscated.
- 20—**Thursday**
1719—First board of selectmen (committee) elected.—David Cargill, James MacKeen, James Gregg, Robert Weir, John Morrison, Samuel Graves, John Goffe.
- 21—**Friday**
1721—(Settlement). Committee agree to lay off (because of deficiency) land to John Morrison eastward of Beaver pond.

- 22—**Saturday**
1778—Estate of Samuel Clark, Annexed to Windham.
1782—Line between Londonderry and Windham established by Courts.
- 23—**Sunday**
1909—E. P. Trowbridge house burned.
- 24—**Monday**
1893—Mrs. Lydia Graves buildings burned.
- 25—**Tuesday**
1900—Damage by ice, storm and winds.
- 26—**Wednesday**
1776—Petition to General Courts of Massachusetts and New Hampshire on depreciation of the currency. Convention held at Dracut, Samuel Fisher, representative from Londonderry.
- 27—**Thursday—Thanksgiving Day**
1823—Town voted to put stoves in the First church. The first instance of heating a church building in the town.
- 28—**Friday**
1775—First Provincial tax under the authority of Congress.
1889—St. Thomas Aquinas church (Catholic), the first building, dedicated. Rev. W. J. O'Connor, first pastor.
- 29—**Saturday**
1725—Voted to have the town charter recorded.
- 30—**Sunday**
1883—Re-dedication of the First M. E. church.



The Meadow

1719

December

1919

1—Monday

1735—Vote taken to divide Londonderry into two parishes opposed by a large minority. Decision withheld on petition.

1815—Beginning the service of Samuel Burnham, first preceptor of Pinkerton Academy.

1870—Beginning the shoe manufacturing business of Col. W. S. Pillsbury.

2—Tuesday

1776—Taxes were collected "In the name of the Government and people of this State."

1918—Sylvanus F. R. Gage place, Hubbard district, burned.

3—Wednesday

1880—First newspaper, The Derry News, issued weekly, Charles Bartlett publisher. Now published by E. P. Trowbridge.

NOTE—The Derry News was the first regularly published newspaper. The "Londonderry Times" in the '60s by Isaiah Thomas on Dook's Plains, east of the present railway station. It was issued on annual fair days and special occasions.

4—Thursday

5—Friday

1908—The Head place, occupied by Charles Noyes, burned.

6—Saturday

1729—(Warrant). Article calling for a second grist-mill.

7—Sunday

1907—Derry & Manchester Electric Street railway opened.

8—Monday

9—Tuesday

1894—Sunday School Union formed.

10—Wednesday

11—Thursday

1719—First observance of the aurora in New Hampshire. There is no record of a special observation being made in Nutfield, but the phenomenon was generally noticed by people throughout this region.

1884—Odd Fellows block (first building) dedicated.

1910—The Benjamin Chase Co. shops burned, including the old sawmill which stood near the site of the first sawmill in Londonderry. This was the second destructive fire of the Chase Co.

12—Friday

1734—(Settlement). Robert Armstrong land grant on Golding brook, Windham.

13—Saturday

1899—Bequest of Benjamin Adams for a memorial building.

14—Sunday

1736—(Settlement.) Col. Thomas Westbrook land grant, Buckhide meadow, Windham.

1799—(National.) Death of George Washington.

15—Monday

1787—Uniform date for town meetings throughout the State determined by Act of Legislature, the last Wednesday in March. In 1804 it was changed to the second Tuesday of the same month.

16—Tuesday

1889—Ivanhoe Temple, Rathbone Sisters, instituted.

17—Wednesday

1776—(Appointment.) Committee of Instruction to delegates to the State Assembly.

18—Thursday

1896—William J. Fuller buildings burned.

19—Friday

1896—William J. Fuller house burned; near Hubbard station.

1909—Derry Nest of Owls instituted.

20—Saturday

1886—Rockingham Lodge, No. 29, K. of P., instituted.

21—Sunday—First day of winter

1900—First publicity about efficient fire alarm system.

22—Monday

1759—Petition to regulate fisheries at Amoskeag Falls.

23—Tuesday

1727—On motion of James McKeen, Esq., House of Representatives exempted Londonderry for one year from school penalties of £20 for each six months neglect to furnish a school for teaching Latin.

24—Wednesday

1815—(National.) Treaty of Ghent.

25—Thursday—Christmas Day

1719—First Town Committee meeting. Business: Agreed that the first twenty settlers or proprietors are to have an extra lot of land to dispose of to others at their discretion, provided an early settlement is made. Provision was made for a sawmill lot.

1805—Last annexation of Londonderry territory to Windham.

26—Friday

1728—Notice of the proprietors' meeting to dispose of the seats in the meeting house.

1816—The division of New Hampshire into senatorial districts placed Londonderry in the third.

27—Saturday

1727—Londonderry exempted from keeping a grammar school for two years beginning March, 1728.

1882—Hotel Bradford dedicated.

28—Sunday

1805—(Legislative.) Towns authorized to divide territory into school districts.

1908—Pillsbury Camp, Sons of Veterans, instituted.

29—Monday

1889—Re-dedication of the First (Central) Congregational Church.

30—Tuesday

1803—(Legislative.) An Act requiring towns to submit a survey for a state map. This was the first State map.

31—Wednesday

1741—(Prov. Law.) Beginning the first closed season for the protection of deer. Penalty £10.

1751—End of the Julian (Old Style) calendar.

